



## **Our Spirit Kokoda**

### **The Most Complete Kokoda Track Experience**



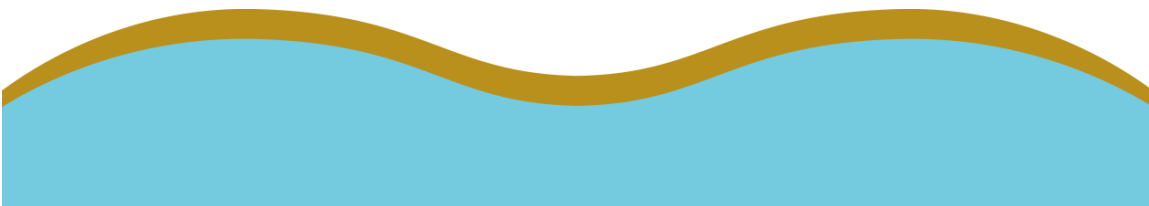
Imagine the sudden resonating sound of the bugle as the last post breaks through the darkness signifying the commencement of the official ANZAC Dawn Service in Bomana Cemetery in Papua New Guinea. Imagine the soulful silence that follows as the sun slowly rises and shines an eerie glow across the thousands of headstones before you.

We invite you to join us for this moving experience and pay respect to those famous Diggers who fought along the Kokoda Track to save Australia from invasion in 1942

This life changing and emotional experience gives you the ultimate opportunity to get yourself in peak condition, and create the ideal condition physically and mentally to successfully walk the famed 96kms in the footsteps of our Diggers.

We invite you to once again stand proud at Bomana Cemetery and remember those that fought for life along the Track and that their sacrifices are forever acknowledged and remembered.

Our Spirit has combined with Jason Snoxall to give to you the highest level of expertise to ensure your personal journey is a major success.





Our Spirit would like to thank you for the opportunity to present our Kokoda trekking adventure to you and your group. Our goal is to ensure your adventure will be one that all of you will enjoy and treasure for a life time.

We are delighted to be able to offer you the following options for your consideration. Our proposal takes into consideration our discussions as well as addressing frequently asked questions.

## Kokoda Walk 24<sup>th</sup> April – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2012

### Kokoda Track

- Including participation in the official dawn service at Bomana Cemetery on ANZAC day.

### Travel Details

Date	Details
Apr 24th	Brisbane to Port Moresby - Air Niugini Flight
	3 nights - Hotel - Port Moresby - Twin Share Accommodation
	Port Moresby to Popenetta Via Dash aircraft – Air Niugini
	Kokoda Track - As indicated on the “Sample Itinerary”
May 3rd	Hotel - Port Moresby - Twin Share Accommodation
May 4th	Port Moresby to Brisbane - Air Niugini Flight

Our Spirit’s **Kokoda Expedition Led Adventure** is the most comprehensive Kokoda trekking experience available in the market today. We invite you to join us for this moving experience and pay respect to those famous diggers who fought along the Kokoda Track to save Australia from invasion in 1942. Your group will be led by one of our experienced Australian Leaders.



## Kokoda Expedition Led Adventure

With Our Spirit's Kokoda Legends adventures you are buying the most complete visit to Kokoda available today. We would like to support our confidence in this statement with the following information for your consideration.

### Safety & Quality

Only Our Spirit's Kokoda Legends have a 100% success and safety record for all clients that have participated in any of our guided adventures over the past 16 years. In addition to our focus on safety we offer a quality experience. In fact Our Spirit's aim for all of our adventures is to create positive life change for our clients.

### Experience & Leadership

Our Expedition Guided Kokoda Track adventures are always led by Aidan Grimes or by leaders hand picked and trained by Aidan. Aidan has been crossing the Kokoda Track for over 16 years. In this time he has crossed the track over 70 times and it his leadership which provides the basis of our 100% safety and success record to date. Aidan's experience, knowledge of the terrain and his physical ability in this difficult environment are second to none. His understanding and insights into the history and military campaign relevant to Kokoda are widely recognized. Each and every client benefits from this experience and knowledge.

### Sustainability & Respect

Only Our Spirit actually limits its group size and the number of treks we offer per year. This is the only way we feel we are able to operate Kokoda trekking adventures in a sustainable and respectful way. Other operators do not operate in this way! Ask some of our competitors about groups sizes of over 100 or 200 people. Unbelievable!

### Passion & History

Our chief Expedition leader Aidan Grimes is well known as a man supremely knowledgeable and passionate about Kokoda, both in its military history and its culture. His quiet, low key approach, his investment in all aspects of the track and its people, as well as his relationship with the diggers has provided Aidan with many unique insights into the track's past. The trust the local people have in Aidan, and his physical ability as an endurance athlete have allowed Aidan to investigate and uncover first hand many stories and legends hidden to others.

The local Papuans have honoured Aidan with the name "Uda Baroma" meaning wild boar, as a sign of respect for the incredible strength and leadership he has demonstrated over many years crossing the Kokoda Track.

### Preparation

Every Our Spirit client receives a full event specific preparation training program prior to departure. Execution of this program ensures that each and every one of our clients will be physically ready and able to enjoy this amazingly wonderful, but very challenging environment. This training program is prepared by qualified Exercise Physiologists.



## Pricing Schedule (Jason Snoxall)

Item	Description	Price p.p.
1	Kokoda Expedition Led Adventure (listed below)	
2	Pre-trek information, 3 month individualised exercise program	
3	<b>International Travel and Accommodation ex Brisbane</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Offer Price</b>	<b>\$4250</b>

### Kokoda Trek Inclusions:

#### Pre trek preparation

- Equipment advice and training support
- History Presentations
- Full training and support brought to you by Jason Snoxall

#### Airfares & Accommodation

- *International airfare packages (as indicated on the schedule)*
- *Comprehensive individual travel insurance (coverage subject to approval)*
- *Pre-paid departure taxes from Australia*
- *Airport/accommodation transfers (as indicated on the schedule)*
- *Twin share accommodation (as indicated on the schedule)*
- *Charter flight from Port Moresby to Popondetta (as indicated on the schedule)*

*All travel and accommodation included in this package is booked through licensed travel agent no. 854.*

#### Trekking Inclusions

- Limited group size
- Vehicle transfers to/from the Kokoda Track
- Kokoda Track Authority - trekking permits
- Village Fees (guesthouse/tented accommodation along the Kokoda Track)
- Group expedition equipment  
Tents; cooking equipment; ropes; safety equipment; communication equipment (including satellite phone); etc



### Support Crew - Local Legends

- Group Guides provide essential local knowledge and safe passage across the Kokoda Track
- Group Porters carry food supplies and group expedition equipment
- Group Cook prepares all trek meals and assists with group porter duties
- Meals and return airfare for all support crew - local legends are included

### Personal Inclusions

- eXtreme Cuisine daily food packs including nutritionally balanced energy appropriate meals and snacks
- New sleeping bag and mat - not reused for hygiene purposes
- Basic eating utensils - plate, bowl, cup knife, fork and spoon

### The Best Expedition Leaders

- Deliver an experiential journey based on mateship, courage, endurance and sacrifice
- Provide individual motivation and encouragement (including pre-trek training advice)
- Create opportunities for team cohesion
- Present the most passionate and comprehensive historical briefings along the Kokoda Track (supported by various battalions from the Australian Military campaign. Eg. 2/16th and 2/14th battalions)
- Guide participants to significant battle sites on and off the Kokoda Track including the original wartime track (approved by Bert Kienzle and Stan Bisset 2/14th)
- Informs participants of cultural etiquette and educate participants on basic Motu (local Papuan language)
- Arrange ceremonial welcomes into Villages
- Host a tour of Port Moresby and the Bomana Cemetery
- Recognise achievement on completion (including Kokoda Legends t-shirt and trek Certificate)
- Qualified Emergency Paramedic
- Full back up Support of team in Port Moresby

### Supplied/provided by participant (at own expense):

- Pre trek preparation
- Malarial medication
- Basic personal first-aid kit (detailed in participant guide)
- Passport and visa (obtain on arrival at Port Moresby airport - currently \$50AUD))
- Personal expenses in Port Moresby
- Excess Baggage (limit of 20kg allowed)
- Personal porter to carry your backpack during the trek (\$520 AUD) if required (includes meals, insurance and return airfare for porter)
- Personal trekking gear (including backpack; boots and appropriate clothing)
- Backpack (can be hired \$50 AUD plus postage - delivered 4 weeks prior to departure for training purposes)
- Fresh local fruit and vegetables can be purchased from local villagers if desired.



**IMPORTANT:**

Our Spirit Pty Ltd holds current public liability insurance and maintains comprehensive risk management procedures for all our adventures as part of our standard business practice.

It is recommended that each person joining the party be physically prepared by the time of departure. An exercise program, including training walks and nutritional advice are included in the program.

There are several sessions within the program that require training with full packs, (that is the backpack and all equipment you intend to use on the trek). By wearing or breaking in your hiking boots, you will minimise the risk of blisters and unnecessary sweat problems if they can be addressed prior to commencing the trek.

Thank you again for the opportunity to present to you Our Spirit's Kokoda Trekking Adventure. You have our assurance that every member of your team will be supported appropriately in his/her preparation to ensure a safe, successful and most memorable experience with Our Spirit.

We confirm the following people are available to discuss their trekking experience with you.

Inspector Mark Carrick, NSW Police Services (participated in 1<sup>st</sup> ANZAC 2006 Kokoda Trek)  
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Neil Jackson, National Manager, Microsoft (participated in 2<sup>nd</sup> ANZAC 2006 Kokoda Trek)  
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Please don't hesitate to call me on the number below or our office on 0414521531 at your convenience, should you require any further information at all.

Sincerely yours,

Aidan Grimes  
Director  
Our Spirit Pty Ltd  
0414 521 531



## SAMPLE ITINERARY

The following itinerary is recommended as a guide only. Track and weather conditions will inevitably determine the final journey of each individual trek.

To maintain our unblemished safety record, all trekking with Kokoda Legends is done during daylight hours only. Trekking at night on cliff faces and across raging rivers increases the risk of injury and should only be attempted by experienced Kokoda trekkers when absolutely necessary. As many of our Aussie diggers will attest, the Kokoda Legend's journey is one of respect to those who did endure the Kokoda Track in these unthinkable conditions during the war in 1942.

Day	Details
1  April 24th	<p><b>Transfer:</b> Flight to Port Moresby . Airport transfer to hotel.</p> <p><b>Accommodation:</b> Twin share hotel accommodation.</p> <p><b>Activity:</b> Group briefing session at hotel on arrival.</p>
25th	<p><b>ANZAC DAY AT BOMANA CEMMETERY AND PORT MORESBY YACHT CLUB</b></p>
26th	<p><b>Transfer:</b> Hotel transfer to airport. Dash flight from Port Moresby to Popendetta Village – to Kokoda Village, home of the “Kokoda Legends”.</p> <p>Trek from Kokoda Village to Deniki.</p> <p><b>Trek Overview:</b> Our trek commences from Kokoda village through the rubber plantation to the village of Kovello and Hoi Village before a climb of approx. 400m into the village of Deniki</p> <p><b>Points of Interest:</b> Kokoda Legends are greeted with a ceremonial village welcome before a privileged visit to the Kokoda plateau and war museum.</p> <p><b>Accommodation:</b> Bush camp.</p>
27th	<p><b>Transfer:</b> Trek from Deniki to Alola via Isurava.</p> <p><b>Trek Overview:</b> Our trek commences from Deniki and climbs approx 500m into the village of Isurava and then on to the village of Alola.</p> <p><b>Highlights:</b> Our trek leads us to the village of Isurava, where we pay tribute to the Australian soldiers who fought to save our country in what is without doubt, one of the most important battle sites in Australian history. We visit the magnificent Isuarva War Memorial and take time to raise the Australian flag in tribute. We provide you with a description and full outline, as well as many</p>

	<p>unique insights into this famous battle site. Explore the battle site of the famous Bruce Kingsbury and the rock monument in recognition of his brave efforts for which he received the first Victorian Cross awarded on Australian soil. On arrival, a relaxing swim in the clear fresh waters of the Eora Creek.</p> <p><b>Accommodation:</b> Village Guest House.</p>
28th	<p><b>Transfer:</b> Trek from Alola to Templeton's Crossing</p> <p><b>Trek Overview:</b> Today's trek is an arduous one, with a steep descent then a 245m climb crossing the Eora Creek. This is followed by a 500m climb and a 125m descent to our campsite at Templeton's Crossing.</p> <p><b>Highlights:</b> Visit the magnificent Isuarava War Memorial. Explore the battle site of the famous Bruce Kingsbury. On arrival, a relaxing swim in the clear fresh waters of the Eora Creek.</p> <p><b>Accommodation:</b> Bush camp.</p>
29th	<p><b>Transfer:</b> Trek from Templeton's Crossing to Effogi.</p> <p><b>Trek Overview:</b> An early morning start to another arduous day. First we climb up 250m then down 150m crossing the river before climbing 350m through the Kokoda Gap to the top of Mount Bellamy (the highest point on the track, 2200m). Our trek continues with a 295m descent then a 100m ascent before another descent of 400m. We climb another 350m before our final descent of 150m into Effogi.</p> <p><b>Highlights:</b> Various war relics and sites along the way including fascinating weapons pits. A must for photographers, the Kokoda Gap has some of the most stunning views you will encounter along the track.</p> <p><b>Accommodation:</b> Village huts/tents.</p>
30th	<p><b>Transfer:</b> Trek from Effogi to Menari.</p> <p><b>Trek Overview:</b> A relatively easy day, the journey continues with a 250m climb up Mission Ridge and onto Brigade Hill followed by a descent of 700m then climbing up 200m into the village of Menari.</p> <p><b>Highlights:</b> A tribute to the diggers who lost their lives in Australia's famous stand against the Japanese in 1942.</p> <p><b>Accommodation:</b> Village huts/tents.</p>



<p>1 MAy</p>	<p><b>Transfer:</b> Trek from Menari to Nauro.</p> <p><b>Trek Overview:</b> We start the day with a 270m climb, before descending 380m into the swamp lands, traversing the Brown River several times. After lunch we climb 300m up the Maguli Range to the village of Nauro.</p> <p><b>Highlights:</b> Today is a relatively easy day. It's a great opportunity to diarise your memorable moments of the trek so far.</p> <p><b>Accommodation:</b> Village huts/tents.</p>
<p>2</p>	<p><b>Transfer:</b> Trek from Nauro to Ua-ule Creek.</p> <p><b>Trek Overview:</b> After an early start to the day, we climb 550m of the Maguli Range then down 700m to Ofi Creek for lunch. In the afternoon, we climb 250m of Ioribaiwa Ridge, descend 540m to Ua-Ule Creek, crossing the river 9 times.</p> <p><b>Highlights:</b> Climb the furthest point the Japanese reached before being driven back to the sea by the Australian diggers.</p> <p><b>Accommodation:</b> Village huts/tents.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p><b>Transfer:</b> Trek from Ua-ule Creek to Vesulogo.</p> <p><b>Trek Overview:</b> Commencing with 11 river crossings, we then climb 550m up Imita Ridge before descending the "Golden Staircase" to the Goldie River. After crossing the river we ascend the last hill 300m to the finishing archway at Ower's Corner.</p> <p><b>Highlights:</b> The obligatory photos at the finishing archway signifying the completion of your personal challenge.</p> <p><b>Transfer:</b> to Hotel, Port Moresby.</p> <p>On route to Port Moresby, we tour the Bomana Memorial Cemetery and pay our last respects to all those who fought for the privileges we have as Australians today. We celebrate with a presentation to our new Kokoda Legends upon our return to the hotel.</p> <p><b>Accommodation:</b> Twin share hotel accommodation.</p>
<p>4th</p>	<p><b>Transfer:</b> Transfer from hotel to Port Moresby International Airport for return flight to Australia.</p>

Indicative itinerary only



## Payment and Booking Schedule

Please read the following payment terms and conditions before proceeding with your booking.  
Early Bird Discount

### Payment Terms:

- Prices are accurate as at 01 May 2012 and are subject to airfare and accommodation availability and increases as they occur.
- The non-refundable deposit of \$250 is payable upon booking to secure your place this is non GST and can be made payable to Sydney Survivors..
- Login details will be emailed to you once your payment is confirmed. This gives you access to the Our Spirit Member's Homepage. From here just follow the step by step instructions in preparation for this adventure. Members have access to the online individualized training program as well as other important information about this adventure.
- Final payment is due 60 days (Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 2012) prior to departure

### Fee variation:

- prices subject to increases in travel, airfares and accommodation if applicable
- in addition, should the designated airline carrier impose a fuel surcharge or should a country of departure or entry impose a surcharge or tax subsequent to fixing the tour fee, the client agrees to pay Our Spirit an amount equal to such surcharge or tax prior to departure.

### Cancellation:

#### Cancellation by client is required in writing and:

- if more than 60 days prior to departure, a refund of the tour less 25% will be issued within 14 days.
- if less than 60 days but more than 45 days prior to departure date, a refund of the tour fee less 50% will be issued within 14 days.
- if 45 days or less prior to departure date, no refund will be issued.

#### Rescheduling of the tour:

- If minimum participant numbers are not met, this adventure may be transferred to alternate dates up to 2 months prior to the original departure date without penalty.

If you have any questions, please contact us.